EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported statement of Sri Lankan Minister, Mr. Ranjan Wijeratne recently on Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in India and blaming the Government of India for not fulfilling the accord;

(b) whether the Sri Lankan Minister also accused Government for not taking back over one lakh Tamil nationals of Indian origin and thereby flouting Shastri-Srimavo Accord; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, the Government has been the statements made by the Sri Lankan Minister but no formal approach for discussions has been made so far.

Security Risk of Pepsi

1563. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Intelligence Bureau was asked by Government to evaluate the security risk in having Pepsi operate in Punjab while their proposal was being considered ;

(b) if so, whether the Intelligence Bureau has given its consent; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government would now ask the Intelligence Bureau to evaluate this aspect and submit its report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Irregularities in Irrigation and Flood Control Department of Delhi Administration

1564. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief Technical Examiner of the Central Vigilance Commission had detected and reported large number of irregularities in the works of Irrigation and Flood Control Department of Delhi Administration; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether any engineer has been held responsible for such lapses; if so, what action has been taken against them ;

(c) whether the C.T.E. detected and reported far excessive overpayment for works; if so, what is the amount of such payments; and

(d) what action has been taken to recover the excess amount paid to contractors and against the engineers responsible for such excessive payments ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) As per information received from Delhi Administration, the Chief Technical Examiner on the Central Vigilance Commission had, brought to their notice about 22 cases of Irrigation and Flood control Department wherein certain irregularities were pointed out. The irregularities were non-observance of proper procedure for inviting tenders, excess payments to contractors bifurcatning/splitting up the works so, as to bring them within the sanctioning limits, executing the works through work-order basis without calling tenders etc.

(b) After completion of preliminary investigation into one case